

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Claims 1-3, 6 and 8-13 stand objected to because of informalities. In response, Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended as indicated by the Office Action. Accordingly, applicants request removal of this objection.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 9-12 would allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, applicants have refrained from so doing.

Claims 1, 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamamoto. (U.S. Patent No. 6,831,705 B2).

Claim 1, as amended, recites the limitations of: “...**and wherein the measuring step includes measuring whether or not the amplifier in its ON state actually offers an improvement in signal quality and/or measuring actual disturbing signal contributions from unwanted channels.**” Independent claim 17 recites similar limitations.

Applicants can find nothing in either Yamamoto that teaches or implies these limitations. Since Yamamoto does not teach all of the limitations of independent claims

1 and 17, it cannot anticipate the present invention. For at least the above cited reasons, Applicant submits that Claims 1 and 17 are patentable over Yamamoto.

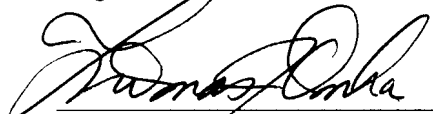
Claims 2 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto in view of Hutchison IV et al (U.S. 5,722,061). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto in view of Albicker (U.S. 7,274,918). Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto in view of Schreiber et al (U.S. 5,010,405).

With regard to claims 2-3 and 8-14 these claims depend from an independent claim 1 discussed above, which has been shown to be allowable in view of the cited references. Accordingly, each of claims 2-3 and 8-14 are also allowable by virtue of its dependence from an allowable base claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. Entry of this Amendment and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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